

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR
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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.
13 TOMAS MEZA-DE LA CRUZ, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. CR16-0136-JCC

MINUTE ORDER

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15 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C.
16 Coughenour, United States District Judge:

17 This matter comes before the Court on the motion to continue trial of codefendants
18 Tomas Meza-De La Cruz, Luis Ramirez-Arredondo, and Ruben Mota-Alvarez (Dkt. No. 73).
19 Defendant Omar Ortega-Chavez does not join the motion. (*Id.* at 1.) The Court has considered
20 Defendants' unopposed motion for a continuance and finds that the ends of justice will be served
21 by ordering a continuance in this case, that a continuance is necessary to ensure adequate time
22 for effective case preparation, and that these factors outweigh the best interests of the public and
23 the defendants in a speedy trial.

24 The Court therefore ORDERS that the trial date in this matter is continued from
25 November 7, 2016 to February 13, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. and that pretrial motions shall be filed no
26 later than January 6, 2017.

The Court further ORDERS that the period of time from the date of Defendants' motion to continue trial, October 6, 2016, until the new trial date of February 13, 2017, shall be excludable time pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161 *et seq.* Nothing in this order applies to codefendant Omar Ortega-Chavez, who did not join the motion.

DATED this 7th day of October 2016.

William M. McCool
Clerk of Court

s/Paula McNabb
Deputy Clerk